CLAIMS

1. A switching device comprising a working shaft (3) and a control shaft (4) installed in a frame part (2), the control shaft being rotatable and adapted to turn the working shaft, and the working shaft (3) being adapted to change the position of poles of the switching device, **characterized** in that one (4) of said two shafts (3, 4) passes through the other (3), and that said shafts (3, 4) are at an angle relative to one another.

2. A switching device as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that the control shaft (4) passes through the working shaft (3).

3. A switching device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept.

4. A switching device as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the angle at which the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept is substantially 90°.

5. A switching device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational angles to desired values.

6. A switching device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the control shaft (4) is rotatable from either axial end.

7. A switching device as claimed in claim 6, **characterized** in that its control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device in a manner allowing the working shafts (3) of both switching device to be turned by rotating the control shaft (4) of one or the other switching device.

8. A switching device as claimed in claim 7, **characterized** in that the control shaft (4) is a pipe shaft, and in that the control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device by means of an inner shaft insertable into the control shafts.